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Tongass National Forest

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File Code: 1950

Date: April 25, 2018

Dear Planning Participant:

The Tongass National Forest is seeking public input on the Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (POW LLA Project DEIS), which proposes a variety of projects on Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts on Prince of Wales and surrounding islands to meet multiple resource objectives: improve forest ecosystem health, support community resiliency, and provide economic development. The Forest Service analyzed three action alternatives and a no-action alternative. I have not chosen a preferred alternative at this time for this project. All of the alternatives will be considered in my decision.

This project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR §218 (March 27, 2013), and is not being authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA). Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR §218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR §218.2) about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Other eligibility requirements are defined by 36 CFR §218.25(a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project, and signature or other verification of identity upon request. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR §218.25(a)(4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR §218.2). Those who provide specific written comments during any designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR §218.5 will be eligible to participate in the objection process. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless new information arises after designated opportunities (36 CFR §218.7).

Comments on this proposed project will be accepted for 45 days beginning on the first day after the date of publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the DEIS in the Federal Register. While a public notice will also be placed in the Ketchikan Daily News, the publication date of the NOA in the Federal Register is the exclusive means for calculating the 45-day comment period for a proposed action documented in a DEIS.

The DEIS and associated activity cards and implementation plan are available for review online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla>. Paper copies are available for review at the Thorne Bay Ranger District, the Craig Ranger District, and the Forest Supervisor's Office in Ketchikan. If you require a paper copy or electronic media, or need additional information, please contact Delilah Brigham, Project Leader, at 907-828-3232 or send your request to: dbrigham@fs.fed.us.

Specific written comments may be submitted electronically at:

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=50337>, or by fax to (907) 828-3309. Please note that the ability to comment at this online address is only activated during a public comment period. Comments may also be mailed to: Delilah Brigham, Project Leader, Thorne Bay Ranger District, P.O. Box 19001, Thorne Bay, AK, 99919; or hand-delivered to Thorne Bay District Office, 1312 Federal Way, Thorne Bay, AK during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,





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Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis Project. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, but those submitting anonymous comments will not be eligible for objection per 36 CFR §218.5.

Sincerely,

M. EARL STEWART
Forest Supervisor
Tongass National Forest

